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## MARRIAGE.

On the 17th December, at Holy Trinity Catho-  
dral, Shanghai, by the Rev. C. J. F. Synnott,  
B.A. THOMAS GAUNT, to HELEN WOOD, both of  
the Church Missionary Society.

## The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 23RD DECEMBER, 1903

If the latest reports, derived from good  
native authority, be true, China must have  
fallen indeed on evil times. Milton, in  
poetic exaggeration, speaks in the lowest  
depths of deeper still; what in his case was  
merely poetic licence has in that of China  
become a grim reality. According to this  
latest report, Russia, not content with  
having, without any show of quarrel, engendered  
on, and in spite of repeated promises to  
evacuate, still holding an important province  
of China, has recently influenced France to  
press on China what France represents  
as her good offices to act as arbitrator  
between the two. Unlike the ordinary  
practice of arbitration, she has made her  
award beforehand; China is to keep closed  
to foreign commerce the important parts of  
Manchuria through which the Manchurian  
railway passes, and Russia is to have the  
exclusive right of mining in the Manchurian  
provinces. In the event of China agreeing  
to these remarkable concessions Russia is  
to engage to withdraw from what is left of  
Manchuria by next March. For this piece  
of officious interference, which it is not sug-  
gested has been asked for, France, of course,  
expects an adequate compensation, and the  
consideration is almost equally staggering.  
France is to be permitted to put down the  
rebellion in Kwangsi, but characteristically  
not a word is said about retiring when the  
suppression is complete. The whole affair  
hears, in fact, a remarkable resemblance to a

transaction wherein China was interested at  
the very verge of history. The state of Cheo in  
those days had its headquarters in what is  
now the province of Shensi. The *Hsing Nu*  
were then, as Russia is now, pressing on  
the northern frontier, and had advanced so  
far as to threaten the capital, situated near  
the modern Hsian. Cheo had fallen on  
evil times, and was governed by a weak  
king. The Duke of Te'in, ancestor of the  
great Shi Hwang-ti, offered his services to  
drive away the Turks, which he did success-  
fully. He had said nothing about restoring  
the town when the *Hsing Nu* were expelled,  
so he quietly remained, and the unfortunate  
king and all his people who remained about  
him had to emigrate, and take up a new  
home in Honan at the town of Loyang.  
Such was the hard measure dealt out to the  
ancestors of the present Chinese, and it  
would be well for the modern administrators  
of this Government to lay the story by for  
reference.

We have told the tale of the French as it  
has come to us from Chinese sources, ap-  
parently without any inkling of its import-  
ance to the very existence of China; and  
probably in ignorance of the fatal results  
of a former trial of the same methods. We  
do not in any way vouch for its truth; nor  
do we believe that the French have been  
acting the double part attributed to them.  
The whole tale, indeed, bears on its face  
evidence of having been more or less con-  
cocted by Chinese brains, and its chief  
interest lies in the curious light that it  
throws on the state of confusion and help-  
less unpreparedness in which China finds  
herself after the warnings of nearly half a  
century, and the inability of the Chinese  
official mind to grasp the main features  
of the present situation. One part of  
the story is undoubtedly true: nowhere  
has the incapacity of the governing body  
been more markedly shown than in its  
inability to put down the state of disorder  
for some years back prevailing in the  
provinces of Kwangsi. It would be dignifying  
the movement now going on in Kwangsi by  
too high-sounding a title to call it a rebellion.  
It has, in fact, no object and no leader, both  
generally held necessary to constitute a  
rebellion. It is really but an expression of  
the discontent of the people at the absence  
of any system of government. The unpaid  
officials sent to take charge of the various  
offices, finding themselves without resources  
of any sort, owing to past neglect, are com-  
pelled in self-defence to institute a system  
of collection akin to that described by  
Scott, "that they should take who have the  
power, and they should keep who can." The  
so-called rebellion is merely a return to  
primitive usages, and Government and people  
alike suffer. That the French, whatever  
the shortcomings of their own administra-  
tion, should protest against such a state of  
affairs is natural enough, and the French  
Minister in Peking has protested, and still  
protests in the strongest terms against the  
system. This is, however, a completely  
different thing from representing him as  
the willing minion of Russian intrigue.  
Doubtless from the very nature of the case  
he finds himself the not altogether willing  
instrument of Russian schemes, and doubt-  
less ready to take advantage of any circum-  
stance likely to advance his national claims.  
The remedy is, however, in the power of the  
Chinese Government itself; under the best  
of circumstances, the province of Kwangsi  
never has been self-supporting, and under  
present conditions less so than ever. If  
Peking will recognise this unpleasant fact,  
and supply the deficit, there is no reason  
why Kwangsi should not become as peaceful  
and well ordered as the best of the Eighteen  
Provinces. The sums annually squandered  
under pretence of re-establishing peace  
could pay the expenses of settled govern-  
ment, and leave a good margin for im-  
provements.

We are requested to remind our readers that  
the V.R.C. Regatta Dinner takes place to-  
night at 8 o'clock, at the Kowloon Hotel.

Major A. B. Hamilton, P.S.C., informs us  
that the band performances on the Parade  
ground will be discontinued until further notice.

The running of torpedoes at the torpedo  
sub-depot at Kowloon will be carried on until  
further notice from 7.30 a.m. till noon, and from  
1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

The visit of the British warship *Thetis* to  
Manila was taken full advantage of by the  
U.S. Army and Navy men there. The British  
tars have been entertained to their limit, says  
the *Columbian*.

It has been arranged to get up from Australia  
a herd of milch cows to replace the herd that  
had to be shot at Kennedy's dairy at Caneby  
Bay owing to an outbreak of disease among  
them. Mr. R. Handing will be in charge of  
the party.

Mrs. Sharp has just presented a monkey to  
the Hongkong Botanical Gardens.

Yesterday was the Chinese national *fe* day  
of Confucius, but not many signs of the celebra-  
tion were visible in Hongkong.

The U.S. Minister at Seoul has demanded  
a definite reply from the Korean Government  
on the question of opening Wiju.

An agreement has been entered into between  
the United States and the Vatican, for the  
purchase of the Flor lands in the Philippines,  
by the former, for \$7,237,000, gold. This finally  
settles a very vexed and long-drawn-out question.

In his new book, *The Story of a Soldier's Life*,  
Lord Wolsey says of the Chinese:—"To me  
they are the most remarkable race on earth, and  
I have always thought and still believe them to  
be the great coming rulers of the world."

The return of old Hongkong residents to the  
Colony has commenced. Yesterday there arrived  
by the *Empress of China* Mr. C. D. Wilkinson,  
of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist; and we hear  
of several expected arrivals in the next week  
or so.

An Anti-Russian Society has been started in  
Shanghai, called the *Tai Wo Tai*, and has  
already begun its propaganda by the publication  
of a daily newspaper called the *Wo Shih Ching*  
wen, or "Startling Truths about Russian  
Matters."

A telegram dated Seoul, 11th December,  
says:—"The diplomats here believe that the  
Yalu district will be divided between Japan and  
Russia. Negotiations on this point are now  
progressing." Evidently Korea can entertain  
little doubt of her own future as a State.

The following telegram is an interesting com-  
ment on an affair mentioned in our Hamburg  
correspondent's letter yesterday:—Berlin, 28th  
November. All the officers, except three, of  
the battalion stationed at Forbach, the son of  
Lieutenant Bilsen's novel, entitled *A Little*  
*Garrison*, are either ill or on leave. It is said  
that every officer of this battalion will be trans-  
ferred or obliged to resign, in consequence of  
Bilsen's revelations.

With reference to the secret orders promul-  
gated by the Throne to the various Viceroy  
and Governors of provinces to report how many  
modern-armed and disciplined troops could be  
sent up to Peking in the event of war with  
Russia, the *N.C. Daily News* says a recent  
letter from the capital reports that replies have  
been received by the Grand Council from the  
high authorities of the following provinces:—  
Liangkiang (consisting of three provinces),  
Min-Ché (two provinces), Kwangtung, Hanne,  
Shantung, Shensi, Szechuen, Shensi, and  
Kwangsi (two provinces), and that the total number  
of first-class troops from the above provinces  
ready to go up to the North aggregates 50,000  
men.

The Customs Gazette, July-September, 1903,  
just published by the I.M.C. Statistical  
Department, shows the following comparative  
figures of the revenue for the quarter, in  
Haikuan taels:—

Chinese ports	1903	1902
Kowloon and Lappa	7,885,655	7,725,609
Lungchow, Mongtze, Szeau, & Tungyuh	17,834	207,669
	7,893,489	7,933,278

According to a despatch to the *Manila Cable*,  
dated Washington, December 16, the  
President has directed that diplomatic relations  
between the United States and the Republic of  
Columbia be immediately severed. To this  
end Consul-General Arthur M. Baupré, from  
Illinois, has been recalled from his post at  
Bogota, and is now en route to the United States.  
He was the only representative of the United  
States Diplomatic Corps in the Republic proper.

Count Cassini returned to the United States  
on the 11th ult. and resumed his post as  
Ambassador at Washington. According to the  
*Times* New York correspondent, he announced  
his belief that that part of the Russian in-  
terference, declined to say anything about the  
situation in the Far East; and that Russia  
has troops in Korea; declared that Russian  
feeling to the United States is one of the  
utmost friendship; lamented that it is friendship  
has been strained by the Kishin-off petition; and  
saw how Americans would regard a Russian  
petition about negro troubles. "In all his half-  
column of talk there is no sign that he under-  
stands the allegations of American feeling from  
Russia or American resentment for Russia's  
duplicitous in Manchuria and her cruelty to her  
Hebrew subjects. On neither subjects are  
Americans in the mood to accept the lesson  
Count Cassini desires to read to us."

## POLO.

The first round of the International Polo  
Tournament will take place to-day, the 23rd  
inst., when Scotland meets Ireland, the teams  
being:—

Scotland—C. H. Ross, Lt. Simpson, T.  
Johnstone, and F. H. Lyon, R.N.  
Ireland—H. E. Mr. May, J. Hastings, Lt.  
Knor, and Capt. Carleton.

## THE HEALTH OF HONGKONG.

The Acting Colonial Secretary informed us  
yesterday that he had received a telegram from  
His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Batavia to  
the effect that quarantine against the arrivals  
from Hongkong has been removed.

## TELEGRAMS.

## "DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

London, 21st December, 12.50 p.m.

## A MYSTERIOUS ACT.

The Chinese Ministers to Austria-Hungary  
and to Germany have been recalled.

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

## JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

London, 20th December.

Considerable anxiety is expressed in the best  
informed circles in London concerning the pos-  
sible outcome of the situation in the Far East.  
It is quite certain that Japan will not accept  
the principles in the last Russian note, which  
are quite at variance with her main conten-  
tions; moreover, it is known that Russia is  
assuming a more defiant attitude. The British  
Legation at Peking has received a telegram  
stating that war is possible, and Japanese  
representatives have conferred with New York  
bankers relative to a loan, possibly to be used  
for war purposes; the conference was with-  
out result. Russia has also made a similar  
fruitless attempt.

## CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 20th December.

## THE REGATTA.

The weather on the second day of the regatta  
was not so propitious as it had been on the first.  
A bluster of north wind interfered with the  
comfort of performers and spectators alike.  
Chief interest was centred on the Interpro-  
vincial race, in which number of races was witnessed.  
It was a most novel sight to see the winners of the  
International race and Mr. Imhoff's crew  
should compete against Hongkong. The race  
was rowed at 2 p.m., and as anticipated the  
Hongkong B.C. crew won by 2½ lengths,  
although their No. 3 was unwell. The Germans  
were beaten by Imhoff's crew by 1½ lengths,  
while the V.R.C. did not finish, their stroke  
"capturing a huge crustacean" when half the  
distance had been covered. The form of the win-  
ners was much admired. Koehler won from Kun-  
tzel in the Soules race by a distance. There  
were no other races of any particular interest.  
The big race, for which there were 6 entries,  
Arnold Karberg's crew won. The barbers boats,  
with the same number of entries, caused some  
amusement. The barbers boats are a kind of dog-out,  
and requires considerable practice to steer  
properly. This race was won by Gator from  
Destelan. In the Double Seals Hongkong  
sailed, as Russia was unwell, and Canton  
rowed over. The Canton fours were won by  
Imhoff's crew easily, as their opponents had  
not rowed together before. The final race of  
the afternoon was the Canton Double Seals, won  
by Allers and Kuntzel (3 and stroke in the Ger-  
man boat). The interval between the races was  
too long, but apart from this the second day  
was as enjoyable as the first. It is hoped that  
the regatta will become an annual affair.

## COREAN NOTES.

[FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Mokpo, 1st December

The commander of the Korean soldiers at  
Wiju who assaulted two Japan soldiers there has sent  
a formal apology and promised the offenders.  
Also it was promised that compensation should  
be paid to the injured Japanese.

As the result of the protest lodged by the  
Japanese Minister in Seoul with regard to the  
prevention by the Russians of the landing of  
Mr. Higashimura at Yungnam, the Russian  
Minister represented the Russian number  
company's representative, who was responsible  
for the illegality.

Under the secret instruction of Yikon-  
thak, Korean Minister of War, a Korean officer  
has left Seoul for Port Arthur. His mission  
is supposed to be connected with the engage-  
ment of Russian troops in Korea.

Reports of various acts of acts of Russians  
in Northern Korea are daily received here.

The Korean Court is reported to have failed  
in its intention to borrow from Viceroy Alexieff  
200 troops as palace guards.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued  
the following report:—  
On the 22nd at 11.30a. The barometer has  
fallen over China risen in Japan.

The anticyclone is spreading Eastward over  
Japan, the highest pressure now apparently  
lying over the E. coast of China.

Gradients moderate, with strong monsoon in  
the Formosa Channel, still rather steep off  
hard monsoon over the Sea.

Forecast:—fresh N. winds; fine.

## A CHINESE RUMOUR.

We mentioned yesterday that M. Dubail,  
French Minister at Peking, was reported to be  
endeavouring to interpose in the Manchurian  
question and to persuade China to make some  
concession to Russia. The story now comes  
from Shanghai that what M. Dubail is urging  
is that China is to consent to the continuance  
of Russian control over all parts of Manchuria  
through which the railway passes and to keep  
the ports asked for by the other Powers closed  
to Russia will then withdraw from the rest of  
Manchuria in March next. In return for her  
advice France is to be permitted to put down  
the Kwangsi rebellion! And nothing is said  
about when France is to retire. This, we must  
mention, is a Chinese story, and we cannot  
believe M. Dubail ever proposed any such  
reward for France. After all there is another  
country beside France and China concerned in  
the ownership of Kwangsi. As for the  
"rebellion," its continued existence as a rebellion  
is problematical. We hear nothing of it now.  
The *Kwaiin* correspondent of the *N.C.*  
*Daily News*, writing on the 27th ult., says:—  
"As far as Kwailin is concerned one would not  
know that any rebellion was on, were it not  
that troops now and then arrive from the north  
and proceed to the south." However, he adds  
that the rebels posted a placard in Kwailin some  
time back offering Tls. 10,000 for H.E. Viceroy  
Shun's head, and says that the fact that the Go-  
vernment are sending such large bodies of troops  
looks as if they have a real fear of what it may  
grow to.

A Japanese paper publishes a Peking tele-  
gram to the following effect:—"The French  
Minister to Peking has sent a note to the  
Government offering to act as arbitrator be-  
tween Russia and China. He points out that  
the grant of some of the proposals made by M.  
Leczer in regard to the evacuation of Manchuria  
is advisable if China really wishes to see the  
Russians withdrawn from the three provinces.  
The Chinese Government are, however, firmly  
determined to reject the Russian proposal, and  
they consider that the French Minister's pro-  
posal is made in the interest of Russia."

## MASONIC AFFAIRS.

## VICTORIA LODGE.

The Right Worshipful Deputy District  
Grand Master of Hongkong and South China,  
the Rt. Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, last night in-  
stalled Wor. Bro. C. W. Longuet as R. W. M. of  
Victoria Lodge, 1,013 E.C. Hongkong, in  
accession to Wor. Bro. E. H. Ray. Wor. Bro.  
Longuet installed his officers as follows:—  
Senior Warden, Bro. C. H. Grace; Junior  
Warden, Bro. W. C. Barrett; Treasurer, Bro.  
W. S. Allen; Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. O'D.  
Goulding; Senior Deacon, Bro. P. W. Goldring;  
Junior Deacon, Bro. W. J. G. Whalley;  
Dr. of Ceremonies, Bro. J. M. Crago  
Tyler, Bro. J. Vanstone; Steward, Bro. J.  
Hagberg. At the banquet the following  
toasts and songs were given:—The King and  
the Craft, by the Worshipful Master  
(song, Wor. Bro. Geo. P. Langford); H.R.H.  
the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the  
Grand Lodge of England, by the Wor-  
shipful Master (song, Bro. C. H. Grace);  
The District Grand Master and Officers of the  
District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South  
China, by the Worshipful Master (song, Bro.  
Geo. Grimble); Sister Lodges and Visitors,  
by Bro. Senior Warden (recitation, Wor. Bro.  
A. O'D. Goulding); The Worshipful Master,  
by Wor. Bro. E. H. Ray (song, Bro. P. W.  
Goldring).

## WEIHAIWEI SCHOOL.

In his report to the Secretary of State for  
the Colonies, the Hon. H. J. Stewart Lockhart,  
C.M.G., Commissioner, referring to the  
Weihaiwei School, writes:—"So far as climate  
is concerned no better place than Weihaiwei  
could be found in the Far East for a school,  
and there are many European residents in  
China, in these days of depreciated silver  
currency who will avail themselves in increas-  
ing numbers of the Weihaiwei School. Wei-  
haiwei is one of the few places in the Far East  
that can be described as a 'white man's  
country' all the year round. A striking  
feature in the medical history of the  
dependency is its immunity from enteric  
and malaria fevers, and its escape from  
all epidemics which occurred in the neighbour-  
hood of Shanghai and Hongkong, and is better  
than that of Japan." The school was opened  
three years ago, and already a new building has  
been erected for the accommodation of the in-  
creasing number of pupils. The new  
building is to be opened in February next,  
when the new school term commences. The  
school is admirably situated on a cliff some  
50 feet above sea-level, and is replete with every-  
thing for the comfort and efficiency of school life,  
and is so built that annexes can be added as  
required. The internal arrangements are ex-  
cellent, and the sleeping accommodation is in the  
form of open dormitories for the purposes of  
better ventilation and watchfulness over the  
pupils. There are also spacious grounds attached  
for the purpose of recreation. The school offers  
a liberal secondary education to the sons of Euro-  
pean fathers which are certainly moderate. The  
subjects include divinity, English grammar  
and literature, geography, mathematics and  
history; while languages include Latin, French,  
and German, and his for those desiring it.  
Gardening and book-keeping are among the  
extra-curricular studies.

## THRILLING TALE OF THE SEA

SOLE SURVIVOR OF THE "FINSBURY" ARRIVES  
IN HONGKONG.

The loss of the s.s. *Finsbury* is still fresh in  
the minds of many people in the Far East. All  
that was known about the matter was that the  
vessel was lost, while on a voyage from Hong-  
kong to Japan, during that terrific typhoon  
which raged in the China Sea about the 20th  
September. We now learn that one man  
survived after undergoing fearful privations  
and hardships. That man arrived at Hongkong  
from Shanghai yesterday morning.

The s.s. *Finsbury* arrived here from Hamburg  
in September. On the voyage out, it appears  
some of the crew did not "bit it off" with the  
shipper; some of the men asked to be paid off  
at Hongkong. The captain paid off five Euro-  
peans and one Chinese. The Europeans having  
been only on the vessel for five weeks or so, and  
having drawn an advance in Hamburg when  
they shipped, had not enough money coming to  
them to pay a month's board at the Sailors'  
Home. Chinese were shipped in their place.  
The steamer left Hongkong on the 11th  
September. On the morning of the 21st the  
vessel was badly caught in the typhoon. The  
wind blew with terrific force, and tremen-  
dous mountains of water washed over the vessel.  
No vessel could stand up and washed out of  
the davits; the dock fittings were swept over-  
board. The engines could avail nothing; the  
vessel lay helpless, completely at the mercy of  
the elements. After some time, an enormous  
volume of water, much heavier than the sea  
which had preceded it, came down with full  
force over the forward cargo hatches; they  
gave way and water found its way into the  
ship's hold. The vessel was doomed, and the  
crew had no means at hand wherewith to save  
themselves from a watery grave. The steamer  
gradually filled, and, suddenly, with a gulp, sank  
beneath the dark waters. Those aboard  
were sucked down with the vessel,  
except, of course, the Chinaman who was  
the sole survivor. He managed to cling to  
the fore-and-aft bridge which, when the  
vessel disappeared from view, was left floating  
on the surface. After nine days—too bitter,  
almost, to contemplate—clinging to this  
wreckage, he was picked up by the crew of a  
Japanese schooner which had also been lost in  
the typhoon. This crew, however, more  
fortunate than the poor men on the *Finsbury*,  
had been able to take to the boats. After three  
days in the boat, the men landed on  
one of the small islands of the Japanese group.  
After some time on the island, the sole survivor  
of the *Finsbury* was conveyed in a steamer to  
one of the Japanese ports, from whence the  
Chinese Consul had him sent to Shanghai.  
After three weeks in hospital at Shanghai he  
returned to Hongkong, arriving yesterday.

## BRITISH WEDDING IN MACAO.

On Monday morning there were married in  
Macao Mr. George C. Vulp, of the Federated  
Malay States service, and Miss Marian  
Jampsey, daughter of the late Richard  
Jampsey, of Melplash Court, Dorsetshire.  
The ceremony was performed at the English  
Chapel by the Rev. Mr. Barnett, chaplain. Mr.  
T. Lawson Moorhead, Assistant Commissioner  
of Customs at Leppa, gave the bride away, Miss  
Frances Moorhead being bridesmaid, and Mr. P.  
T. Allen, Straits Cadet, best man. The church  
was prettily decorated with chrysanthemums  
kindly lent from the Camoens Gardens. After  
the ceremony had been completed, a reception  
was held at the house of Mr. Moorhead, at  
which, as at the wedding itself, a great number  
of Macao's leading residents were present.  
Later on, amid general good wishes, the newly  
married couple left Macao for Hongkong by the  
s.s. *Wingchai*.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council will be held at 3  
p.m. to-day.

## BUSINESS.

That the Government do obtain from the  
Secretary of the Sanitary Board, and do lay  
before the table, for the information of the  
Legislative Council, the recommendation which  
was made by the majority of the Sanitary Board  
as to the definition of "external air," and the  
names of the members forming such majority.

## QUESTIONS.

To the Honourable the Colonial Secretary:—  
1. Does the Government propose to take any,  
and, if so, what steps to prevent the public  
latrine near the No. 3 Police Station from con-  
tinuing to be a nuisance to persons passing  
along the Queen's Road East?

2. What is the object of raising the roadway  
of the Praya East? Who is paying the cost  
of such work?

To the Honourable the Director of Public  
Works:—

3. Have any, and, if so, what steps been taken  
by your Department in connection with the in-  
troduction of the rider main system into the  
City of Victoria? By what date do you antici-  
pate that the rider main system will be in  
proper working order throughout the City of  
Victoria? What grounds have you for this  
anticipation?

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Second reading of the Bill entitled an Or-  
dinance to provide for Payment of Counsel's  
Fees by the losing party in certain cases in  
which the Attorney-General appears as Counsel.  
Committee on the Bill entitled an Ordinance  
to provide for the Recovery of Charges incur-  
red by the Colony on account of certain un-  
desirable persons introduced into the Colony.







SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS**  
 Dec. 21, KONIG ALBERT, German str., 10,642, Ch. Polack, Yokohama 12th Dec., and Shanghai 19th Dec. — MELCHERS & CO.  
 Dec. 21, PATRIOT, British ship, 3,076, R. Conlin, New York 20th May, Kerosene-Standard Oil Co.  
 Dec. 21, PITMAN, German str., 1,967, C. Fuchs, Bangkok 12th Dec., and Hoihow 20th Dec. — BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
 Dec. 22, ANPING, Chinese str., 1,158, L. H. Richards, Shanghai 19th Dec., General-CHINESE.  
 Dec. 22, EMPRESS OF CHINA, British str., 3,046, E. Archibald, Vancouver 30th Nov., and Shanghai 19th Dec., Mails and General-CHINESE.  
 Dec. 22, HAINAN, British str., 636, S. Gibson, Tamsui 18th Dec., Amoy 20th, and Swatow 21st, General-DOUGLAS LARSEN & CO.  
 Dec. 22, HONGKONG, French str., 742, H. Bazzoni, Haiphong and Hoihow 20th Dec., Rice, Pigs and Bullocks — A. B. MARTY.  
 Dec. 22, NANCHANG, British str., 1,062, J. Robinson, Hoihow and Cebu 17th Dec., Hemp and Wood — BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
 Dec. 22, SHANTUNG, German str., 1,600, M. Engelhart, Singapore 12th Dec., Petroleum — MCBAIN.  
 Dec. 22, SPENNER, German gunboat, 1,000, Weniger, Singapore 17th Dec.

DEPARTURES

At the HONGKONG MASTER'S OFFICE, 22nd December.  
 Australia, British str., for Shanghai.  
 China, American str., for Singapore.  
 Hainan, French str., for Kwangchow.  
 Maiduru Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.  
 M. Struse, German str., for Haiphong.  
 Triumph, German str., for Hoihow.

DEPARTURES

22nd December.  
 ANABA, British str., for Moji.  
 ANPING, Chinese str., for Canton.  
 AYE, British str., for Moji.  
 CATHERINE APACK, British str., for Calcutta.  
 DAIGI MARU, Japanese str., for Tamsui.  
 ELIZ. RICHARDS, German str., for Bangkok.  
 FAUSANG, British str., for Amoy.  
 GLENFALLOCH, British str., for Amoy.  
 GUTHRIE, British str., for Canton.  
 HIPHANG, British str., for Canton.  
 ICHANG, British str., for Canton.  
 KWEILAN, British str., for Canton.  
 LOKSANG, German str., for Kwangchow.  
 PETRARCH, British str., for London.  
 PROMETHEUS, British str., for Manila.  
 ROTILLA MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe.  
 SHAKANO MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe.  
 TAISHUN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.  
 THALIE, British str., for Coast Ports.  
 WOSANO, British str., for Canton.

VESSLS IN DOCK

ABERDEEN DOCK — H. M. S. Amphitrite.  
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VESSLS ON THE BERTH

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.  
 FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.  
 THE Company's Steamship  
 "HAINAN."  
 Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 23rd inst., at 11 A.M.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
 DOUGLAS LARSEN & CO.,  
 General Managers.  
 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3517]

CHINA COMMERCIAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

司公限有船輪華中

FOR MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SALINA CRUZ-MEXICO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Steamship

"CLAVERING."

Captain Barton, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 24th inst., at Noon.

For Freight, apply at Company's Offices, No. 20, Des Vaux Road.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [3456]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIogo, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"BAYERN."

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

Captain H. Formes, who here with the outward German Mail, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, P.M., will leave for the above places about 12 1/2 hours after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [35]

THE AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW YORK VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"HIMERA," Captain Lockhart,

will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 28th DECEMBER.

For Freight, &c., apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. [3419]

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551 Tons, Captain A. Murphy, will leave for Canton at 8 P.M. on SUNDAY, TUESDAY and THURSDAY, and return to Hongkong on the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M. — Excellent accommodation, electric light, and perfect cuisine. Wharf at Hongkong near Harbour Office.

First-class Fare, \$3 each, way. Mails, \$1 each.

Cargo Freight very moderate.

J. TREVOUX & CO., No. 138, Connaught Road Central.

Hongkong, 20th June, 1903. [1761]

VESSLS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, &c.	MANILA	Brit. str.	H.G.H. Lewellin	F. & O.S.N. Co.	To-morrow, Noon.
LONDON & HAMBURG	FLINTSHIRE	Brit. str.	J.M. Haffner	SHAW, TOMES & CO.	About 23rd inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	SIMLA	Brit. str.	F. E. Sumner	P. & O.S.N. Co.	2nd Jan., at Noon.
LONDON &c. via PORTS OF CALL	GLENFARROW	Brit. str.	Holman	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	9th Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP	YANGTZE	Brit. str.	F. Davies	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	18th Jan.
LIVERPOOL, with T.M.T. at SINGAPORE	HUGO MARU	Jap. str.	Negro	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	20th inst., D'Light.
MARSEILLES, LONDON &c. via SINGAPORE	SALAZAR	Brit. str.	C. Polack	MELCHERS & CO.	20th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON &c. via PORTS OF CALL	DARDANUS	Brit. str.	Forst	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	19th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	YANGTZE	Brit. str.	C. Polack	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	K. ALBERT	Ger. str.	Forst	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	To-morrow.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	ARAONIA	Ger. str.	Jaburg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	25th inst.
BREMEN, via PORTS OF CALL	NURNBERG	Ger. str.	Duckstein	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	10th Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	AMERICA	Ger. str.	v. Binzer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	23rd Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	WURZBURG	Ger. str.	Schoenfeldt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	8th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ALBANY	Ger. str.	Doist	SANDER, WIEBER & CO.	1st Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	VIDUOBONA	Ger. str.	Cobol	DODWELL & CO. LD.	14th Jan., P.M.
TRIESTE, via SINGAPORE, &c.	L. CASTLE	Brit. str.	Lockhart	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 24th inst.
NEW YORK, via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	HIMERA	Brit. str.	von Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK, via SUEZ	NOBIA	Ger. str.	G. V. Williams	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	13th Jan.
NEW YORK, via SHANGHAI, &c.	E. OF CHINA	Brit. str.	G. V. Williams	DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	27th Jan.
YANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	LYBIA	Brit. str.	N. Ohno	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	24th inst., at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA via SHAI, &c.	KAZUO MARU	Brit. str.	W. E. Craven	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE via SHAI, &c.	INDRA	Brit. str.	A. E. Moss	PORTLAND & ASIATIC CO.	30th inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON	CHANGU	Brit. str.	E. G. Anderson	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	30th inst., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	W. S. Hunter	P. & O.S.N. Co.	30th inst.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PALEMO	Jap. str.	W. S. Hunter	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	30th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KASUGA MARU	Jap. str.	Barth	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	1st Jan.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	K. Kori	CHINA COAST S.S. CO.	To-morrow, Noon.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CLAYBING	Jap. str.	K. Kori	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	25th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAGOSHIMA M.	Jap. str.	Barth	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, D'Light.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	RADNOSHIRE	Brit. str.	H. Formes	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAMUJI	Brit. str.	W. H. S. Hall	P. & O.S.N. Co.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NANGLANG	Ger. str.	G. Phillips	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 23rd inst.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BAYERN	Brit. str.	I. Goto	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	27th inst.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MAZAGON	Brit. str.	T. Ogata	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-day.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BENRAL	Brit. str.	T. Ogata	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-day.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ANPUNG MARU	Jap. str.	Gibson	DOUGLAS LARSEN & CO.	To-day, at 11 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	R. W. Almond	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	28th inst., 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MAIDZU MARU	Jap. str.	H. S. Smith	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	28th inst., 11 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HAIMON	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	30th inst.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SUNGKANG	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	2nd Jan., 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BUBI	Jap. str.	H. S. Smith	DODWELL & CO. LD.	About 23rd inst.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ROSETTA MARU	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	28th inst.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHINGTU	Brit. str.	W. M. Smith	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ZAPISO	Brit. str.	Mable	P. & O.S.N. Co.	23rd inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SHAWMUT	Brit. str.	H. W. Koppie	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KENTYANG	Ger. str.	H. W. Koppie		
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BOHEO	Ger. str.	J. Nagao		
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TRIENHIN	Brit. str.			
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HIROSHIMA M.	Jap. str.			

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, &c.

ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 29th December, 1903, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "SALAZAR," Captain Negre, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Passengers will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon only on Monday, the 28th December. Specie and parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day. No cargo will be received on board on Tuesday. Parcels are not to be sent on board. Contents must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. M. CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [2]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"SIMLA."

Captain F.R. Sumner, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for Bombay, etc., on SATURDAY, the 2nd JANUARY, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuable, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed by Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

HONGKONG-MANILA.

REDUCED SALOON PASSAGE MONEY.

SINGLE, \$20; RETURN, \$35.

STEAMERS FITTED THROUGHOUT WITH ELECTRIC LIGHT. FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATION. UNRIVALED TABLE. DUTY QUALIFIED SURGEON ON BOARD.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1903. [1964]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA AND JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with the CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CANTON every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [1761]

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MANILA

LINE.

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Steamship

Captain

Tons

Sailing Date.

ROSETTA MARU..... H. S. Smith..... 3876..... Saturday, 26th December, at 11 A.M.

BOHILLA MARU..... Ernest Bent..... 3569.....

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Street.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1903. [478]

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO PORTLAND, OREGON

SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR OPERATING IN

CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP

Tons

Captain

TO SAIL ON

December 24, 1903

January 14, 1904

February 13, 1904

"INDRAVALLI"..... 4,899..... A. E. Hollingsworth.....

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Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [114]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, Oporto, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GENEVA, PORTS in the LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMSHIP

DEPARTURES

SAILING DATE

On 24th Dec. Freight

On 25th Dec. Freight

On 1st Jan. Freight & Passengers

On 10th Jan. Freight

On 23rd Jan. Freight & Passengers

On 30th Jan. Freight

On 6th Feb. Freight

About end of December, or beginning of January.

NEW YORK, via SUEZ

Capt. von Hoff

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HONGKONG OFFICE, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, No. 1.

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OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICES BETWEEN

HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMSHIP



## SUICIDE OF J. S. REUBEN.

The inquest into the cause of the death of Mr. J. S. Reuben, at the Waverley Hotel on Monday morning, under circumstances already reported in these columns, was held yesterday afternoon at the Magistrate's Court. The first witness called was Dr. Hunter, who said that on Monday afternoon the body of the deceased was brought to the Mortuary, where he, witness, made a post-mortem examination of the remains, from which he found the cause of death was carbolic acid poisoning. Chua Chua, called, stated that he was the room-boy at the Waverley Hotel. On Monday morning he went into the room as usual to give Mr. Reuben his coffee. Witness noticed that he appeared strange and immediately went and called his mistress, the proprietress of the hotel, who went back with him, and then found that the man was dead. The police were immediately notified.

Henry Evans, P.C., said on Monday morning he was called to the Waverley Hotel, and taken to room No. 12. He saw deceased in bed. He was lying on his side in bed with the bed-clothes up to his chest. He was wearing a dark suit of clothes, but without shoes or socks. The body was quite cold. The table in the centre of the room was in great disorder, and on the table was a glass, in which, the doctor said, was carbolic acid. Witness smelt the glass and thought it was carbolic acid. He then took possession of the room and locked the door. He sent a boy up to the Central Station, when Sergeant Sullivan came down and examined the room. The body was then removed to the Central Station, and later to the Mortuary by order of the inspector on duty. That was about 1.30 p.m. On the table were several letters; one was open (produced). Two other letters were found. One was addressed to Joseph Benjamin, Esq. Mr. Benjamin being in court, this letter was handed to him, and having read the same he said there was something in it. The letter was then handed to the Magistrate. In this letter deceased said he was short of money, and had to pay a debt of \$200 in the morning, but was too shy to ask his employers, or his Christian friends, for an advance, and prayed that he might be forgiven for this act, which his trouble compelled him to do. He said he was dying because he was intoxicated, but that his debts would all be paid, as among his papers he had a promissory note for \$500. He did not mention the names of his employers. Another letter was addressed to a member of the committee of the Jewish synagogue, and that letter was also opened by the addresser in court, who stated that the purport of the letter was a request to the committee to pardon him for this act, but he was driven to it by distress. The letter was written in Hebrew, Chua Chua, recalled, said he saw the glass on the table in the room. He knew something in it. He did not know how the deceased got the carbolic acid.

The watchman at the Waverley Hotel was called, and said he was on duty on the night of the 21st. He saw the deceased enter the hotel in the morning. The hotel closes at 12 m. He saw the deceased go out at 6.29 p.m. on the 20th. He came back at 11.30 p.m., and after going to his room for a few minutes, he came down again and gave him a large number of books to wrap up. The deceased took the books away with him in a chair, and returned at 1.30 a.m. Witness let him in. He did not seem to be in liquor. He walked slowly upstairs.

Lo Gulu, boy at the hotel, called, said on the morning of the 21st inst., at about 8.30, Chua Chua came and called him to the room of the deceased. He was fully dressed, except for his boots and socks. He was dead. He did not notice any marks on his mouth. He did not notice a glass on the table. Smelling the glass he said there was no such disinfectant in the hotel. They used Jeyes' fluid. He did not know how the deceased got the acid. Witness took the police to the room. No bottle was found.

Verdict:—The cause of death was carbolic acid poisoning, the carbolic acid being self-administered.

## THE JAPANESE DIET.

The following is the text of the answer of the Japanese House of Representatives to the Emperor's Message on the 10th inst.:

"Your Majesty has just solemnly performed the opening ceremony of the nineteenth session of the Diet, for which the House cannot help but feel grateful. The present condition and prospects of the nation are of so bright a character as has rarely been the case in the history of the country, but the provisions made by the Ministers of State are insufficient to uphold the prosperity of the country. In home administration the Ministers are content with temporary measures, and in foreign affairs the Ministers responsible have missed such opportunities that the House cannot but be apprehensive of the future. May your gracious Majesty judge the action the Ministers of State are taking. The House desires to consider all matters brought before it with judgment and circumspection, and will respond to the Imperial desire on the one hand and to the trust reposed in it on the other by the nation."

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## SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 22nd December.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.  
BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

COMMITTEES TO THE SESSIONS.

The Hon. Attorney-General, Sir Henry S. Berkeley (who was instructed by Mr. H. Horsthouse, of Messrs. Denys and Bowley), stated that in the last case on the list, in which the defendants were Chan Sui and Wong Hing Kwai, he did not intend to present an indictment against the second, and he asked that he be discharged. He proposed to take that case in the afternoon if the witnesses came in from the New Territory. Otherwise he would have to ask the Court to sit on the following day.

His Lordship—When was this case committed?

The Attorney-General—The 17th.

His Lordship said he was not at all sure that the case should be taken at the present Sessions. The old practice so far as he could recollect it was that prisoners were entitled to four days' grace. The Sessions began on the 18th, and they had everything arranged for them, and now on the 22nd he had the depositions and indictment put into his hands for the first time. Probably it would be better to ask the prisoner if he wished his case to be taken at these Sessions. In future it would be better not to commit cases the night before. In England it was different, for there was a grand jury sitting and they had nothing else to do but to take the bills that came before them. Here the Attorney-General had to draft the indictments himself, and when the Session had begun he had to be in Court all day long and had not time to deal with late cases.

The Attorney-General said that they would take that course in future.

His Lordship added that he would be glad if they would not commit cases after, say, the 16th. Later cases should be adjourned till the next month's Sessions in order to allow the depositions to be got ready.

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER AGAINST A JAPANESE.

Tosuko Tabai, a young Japanese, was charged with the manslaughter of a Chinese coolie at Quarry Bay on the 8th December.

He pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. J. Hays, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, solicitors).

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. G. L. Gorham, C. B. H. Sohamacker, A. Reid, G. Rust, G. H. May, S. A. Joseph, and J. Christie.

The Attorney-General in opening the case stated that it was alleged that when the deceased coolie was working coal on the steamer *Mandarin Maru* some trouble arose between the prisoner, who was acting as tallyman, and the deceased. It was alleged that prisoner pushed the deceased coolie over the side of the ship into the water, with the result that the coolie was drowned. The body was not found for some time afterwards, when it was discovered that fracture of the skull had caused death. The case for the defence before the Magistrate, and he presumed it would be the same there, was that while the prisoner was in charge of the coaling gang he spoke to the deceased about the way he was doing his work, whereupon the coolie became insolent and threw a lump of coal at the prisoner, who jumped up from his seat and rushed towards him; that the coolie was frightened and on his way over the side of the ship fell into the water, and that the prisoner was not close to him when he so fell. It did not require that the prisoner should actually push the man over the side to be guilty of manslaughter, for if one person pursued another and the latter was in fear of his life and jumped overboard the former would be guilty of causing his death. But that was not the case for the Crown; their case was that the prisoner pursued the man and caused him to fall overboard—pushed him over the side with his hands.

Evidence was then taken for the prosecution, similar to that which had been given when the case was before the Magistrate.

Mr. Sharp, K.C., in opening the defence said there was no doubt that this coolie, or a coolie, died from a blow received in falling overboard from the *Mandarin Maru*. Also they made no question that the unhappy defendant was concerned in the matter. Nobody regretted that circumstance more than the defendant himself. The only question for the jury was what the defendant did. He thought he would be able to satisfy them that he did nothing unlawful or improper in any way, and that the death of this coolie was caused by misadventure; that was to say, it was an unfortunate accident. Defendant was one of three tally clerks working on the ship. There were three scales alongside the hatch. Prisoner was sitting at the front scale and the two other tally clerks at the two others. Coal was being taken out of the ship by coolies, and after it was weighed at these scales it was put down the hatches. The tally clerks were troubled by the coolies trying to "squeeze" coal. It amounted to this, that more coal was taken off a ship than was weighed. How the coolies disposed of it afterwards to their advantage need not be enquired into. Naturally the coolies cherished no goodwill towards the tally clerks, whose principal duty it was to prevent this petty theft of coal. It was the essence of their position that they should not be very much liked by the coolies in whose way in this respect they were obliged to stand. The respect they had been obliged to recall several baskets of coal before this unfortunate accident.

No doubt the coolies were a little annoyed. Just before the accident a lump of coal was thrown at the defendant. It struck him on the head but did not hurt him much. He did not see who threw it. Then a second lump was thrown; he saw who threw it this time; it was the deceased. He got up from his chair and went towards the coolie to hand him over to the foreman. The man, knowing what he had done, ran away and in going down the gang plank leading from the ship to the wharf he slipped off, fell into the water and was killed.

Evidence for the defence was given by fellow-countrymen of the defendant.

After counsel had addressed the jury and his Lordship had summed up, a verdict of not guilty was returned and the accused was discharged. The Court adjourned till to-day at 10 a.m.

## POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 22nd December.

BEFORE MR. T. SERGEANT SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

INFRINGEMENT OF POSTAL REGULATIONS.

Li Wing Ho, accountant in the shop of Hong Cheng Lung, Queen's Road, Hongkong, was arraigned on the charge of conveying letters to Canton and elsewhere without their being duly stamped according to the regulations and orders of the Postmaster-General. He pleaded guilty, and had no defence, and was fined \$100, with the alternative of 2 months' imprisonment.

STEALING PIGS.

Chau Lu and Ho Chau, two coolies, were charged with breaking into a pigsty at Mian Shan Hu, and stealing therefrom 2 pigs of the value of \$12 the property of Cheng Wing, a widow, on the 21st inst. They were convicted and sentenced to 2 months' hard labour each.

CRUELTY TO FOWLS.

Lau Cho, cook, was convicted of carrying fowls by their wings in such a manner as to cause them unnecessary suffering. \$3 or 7 days was the penalty imposed.

THEFT.

Way Shing Chung, a shoemaker, was charged with stealing a bundle of bedding, valued at \$4, and \$139 in cash, the property of Lau King, a salesman, of 10 Wing On Street, on board the s.s. *Pak Kong* on the way from Macao to Hongkong. He was sent to six months' hard labour.

RAF-FLANGES.

Captain Polack, of the s.s. *König Albert*, German mail steamer, was charged with not keeping rat-flanges on his hawseers when moored alongside the wharf at Kowloon on the 25th November. He stated that he knew nothing about it beyond the fact that the chief officer had told him that the rat-flanges were in place. The chief officer was not present in court, and the inspector testified to the fact that no rat-flanges were on the hawseers when he visited the steamer some hours after her arrival. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

A number of unlicensed hawkers were arraigned before His Worship and were penalised in the sum of \$5 or 7 days, with 3 hours in the stocks each.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER OUTSIDE.

Arrivals from Shanghai, and intermediate ports, report strong monsoon with high following sea; clear weather. Arrivals from Manila and Singapore also report strong N.E. monsoon.

NEW FRENCH STEAMER FOR THE CANTON RIVER.

There is now on her way to Hongkong and expected to have arrived by the 18th inst. the French steamer *Paul Beau* for the Canton River trade. She is one of the steamers sent out by the Messageries Company to ply in competition with the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. In a short time a similar vessel will arrive, the *Charles Hardouin*—and then there will be three French river-boats on the Canton River. The *Paul Beau* is built to accommodate 60 first and second-class passengers, and 800 natives; and her cargo capacity is 500 tons. She was built at Nantes and cost one million francs, or £49,000. From St. Nazaire to Colombo she took 35 days, calling at Algiers and Port Said for coal. Her steaming capacity is 13 knots an hour, and she expected to reach Hongkong, leaving Colombo on the 2nd inst., in sixteen days. Captain Le Sauvage is in command, and has under him six officers and a crew of 70 natives.

COLLISION AT SHANGHAI.

At Shanghai a few days ago the C. M. S. *Kwanglee*, outward-bound to Hongkong, and the I. C. S. *Elorado* collided in the river opposite the Old Dock. The *Kwanglee* was able to proceed on her voyage without delay, being only slightly damaged by a small hole in her port bow. The *Elorado* had just arrived from Chefoo and was preparing to drop anchor at the time of the accident, the *Kwanglee* striking her near the bow and stripping her side for some distance. Mr. T. Weir, marine superintendent of the C. M. S. N. Co., was on board the *Kwanglee* at the time of the accident en route to Hongkong.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Bingo Marx* (European line) left Shanghai for this port on the 21st inst., and is expected here to-morrow. The A.A. steamer *Arara*, from New York, will leave Manila on the 23rd inst., and is due here on Saturday, the 26th inst., at daylight.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

[VIA JAPAN AND SHANGHAI.]

THE FAR EASTERN CRISIS.

London, 10th December.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that great uneasiness prevails there. Should Russia suffer a reverse, it is thought that the results would be disastrous. The *Bourse Gazette* has become somewhat pacific, but the *St. Petersburg* is taking an aggressive line. The *Morning Post* has published a vigorous leader calling for a resumption of British influence in the Far East. It urges support of Japanese action.

Secretary Hay has officially declared, that beyond seeing that her own treaty rights are respected, and that all obligations are carried out, the United States will remain unconcerned by the Far Eastern imbroglio. It is stated that President Roosevelt is anxious to prevent misunderstanding with regard to the intentions of the present administration. In his message to Congress, President Roosevelt insists upon the necessity of the autonomy of Manchou being maintained. The President described the present state of affairs as anomalous, but expressed the opinion that there would be a fall development of commerce as soon as a settlement had been arrived at. He urged the prompt establishment of a naval base in the Philippines.

Five thousand tons of Cardiff coal were despatched to Port Arthur in November. Mainichi.

Berlin, 15th December.

The French and English Press agree now in the opinion, held here from the start, that the dissolution of the Japanese Diet was only prompted by the desire of the Government to avoid any inopportune incidents while the conferences with Russia have not been brought to an end.—O. Lloyd.

Kobe, 17th December.

Yesterday's conference between the Elder Statesmen and the Cabinet is believed to have resulted in a decision against the acceptance of the Russian reply. The Cabinet adheres to the policy not meeting with the Elder Statesmen in June last; to make partial concessions is futile; and an enduring settlement of the Manchurian question is necessary. The outlook is distinctly darkening. It was reported in Tokyo this afternoon that the dispatch of troops to Korea is imminent. The Elder Statesmen were summoned to the Palace this morning.—N.C. D.N.

Tokyo, 17th December.

At the conference yesterday between the Elder Statesmen and the chief Ministers it was decided to pursue a forward policy, in order to realise Japan's original programme, without yielding an inch; but the resources of diplomacy are not yet exhausted.—N.C. D.N.

THE KAISER'S HEALTH.

Berlin, 15th December.

Count Ballestrem reports with regard to his and the Reichstag Vice-Presidents' audience with the Kaiser, that the conversation was very smart. The Kaiser had entirely recovered his old liveliness; his voice was clear and full. The Emperor emphasised during the audience the necessity of Germany taking her part in politics abroad. He then spoke of the importance of Kinohara for Germany's special interests in the Far East, and of the building of railways, which had become a question of life for the African colonies.—O. Lloyd.

GERMANY AND SOCIALISM.

Chancellor Count Balow, when speaking again to the Budget, called upon all parties to join hands against the Socialists.—O. Lloyd.

## H.K.V.C. FIXTURES.

The following Corps Orders have been issued by Major C. G. Pritchard, Commandant, and Adjutant H.K.V.C.:

ARTILLERY COMPANIES.

Parade.—At Headquarters at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd December, 1903, for 15-Pr. and 15-Pr. and 15-Pr. B.L. Gun Drill. Sergt. Bartolome, R.G.A., will attend.

TAKOO DETACHMENT.

Parade.—At Takoo, for that detachment at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd December, 1903, for 15-Pr. and 15-Pr. and 15-Pr. B.L. Gun Drill. C.S.M. Whelan, R.G.A., will attend.

JOINED.

M. Simmons joined on 8th December, 1903, assigned Corps Number 749 and posted to No. 3 Sub-Division Right Half No. 1 Company H.K.V.C.

T. G. Milne joined on 15th December, 1903, assigned Corps Number 750 and posted to Engineer Company.

RESIGNED.

No. 616 Ganner R. Bennett has been permitted to resign dated 15th December, 1903.

No. 305 Ganner A. Rahman has been permitted to resign dated 15th December, 1903.

No. 681 Ganner E. W. Rogers has been permitted to resign dated 15th December, 1903.

2. Ambulance Class.—Members of the Corps wishing to join the next Ambulance Class which commences shortly, will please forward their names to Headquarters as soon as possible.

3. Arms and Equipment.—It is notified for information that a form is being circulated to each member to fill up showing what arms, etc., are in his possession; it is requested that these forms may be filled up and returned to Headquarters within one week.

4. Coast Warm British.—Coast Warm British having arrived they will be issued at all parades at Headquarters commencing from Monday the 20th instant, to those present.

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Saturday, January 23rd.—Competition for Sir W. J. Gaseigne's Shield, Drill and Practice with Maxim Guns.

China New Year.—Drill and Practice for Maxim Guns and 15-Pr. B. L. Guns from Lai-shi-kok.

Engineer Company.—Infantry Drill and Musketry Field Practices.

15-Pr. Drill Competition for Cup presented by Captain Sanders, early in March.

Examinations.—Officers and N.C.O.'s for Proficiency during week commencing March 14th. Competition for Sir H. A. Blake's Musketry Shield after annual inspection, end of March or beginning of April.

Conditions for competitions will be published in due course; only those N.C.O.'s and men who are thoroughly qualified and have passed as gun-layers will be allowed to lay the guns at practice.

A special drill for Gun Ls will take place one day each week at 5 p.m. until further notice.

The Commandant hopes that every member of the Corps will read up the drills and attend parades so that the practices may be a success.

O.C.'s units are requested to notify the Commandant at any time if they wish for a special drill for their units—3 days' notice at least must be given.

## "THE ABUSE OF TITLES."

Dealing with the above subject a contributor to the *N.C. Daily News* says that Americans in China use the title "Honourable" to distinguish their representatives from those of other nations, and that he has heard that the higher title is not infrequently used by grateful citizens; he does not think, however, that the general body of foreign Consuls in China lay any claim to or desire the appellation. He continues:—"We may be permitted to remark in this connection on the appearance in a Hongkong paper the other day, at the head of a list of directors of an Anglo-Chinese company, of the Honourable the Vice-Consul of the United States. It is doubtful whether the title is in this case strictly warranted even by American etiquette, although its use is perhaps excusable in a colony where honourable men are so very common. We have often wondered why, say, the Harbour Master of a British Colony should be distinguished as Honourable, while the British Representative at a neighbouring Court is, or was, plain Minister, and the Commander of a first-class battleship is only a Captain! It is true that the title is apparently accorded to the office and not the individual, so that in Hongkong, where the majority of officials are usually performing any duties but their own, the distinction is of a short-lived and evanescent description. Thus it may happen that a gentleman, of irreproachable character and marked ability, may retire to rest one evening as an honourable and wake up next morning to find himself through no fault of his own bereft of his honours owing to the arrival of the mail bearing the incumbent of his post. Sic transit gloria mundi!"

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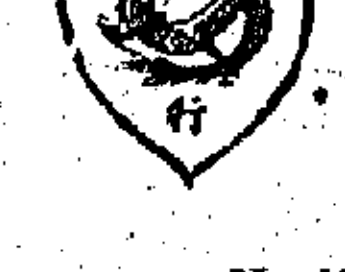
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903. [3531]



ZETLAND LODGE No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at 5.30 for 6 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
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INFORMATION has been received from the NAVAL AUTHORITIES that the running of torpedo boats on the coast of Kowloon will commence TO-DAY (TUESDAY), the 23rd DECEMBER, 1903, from 7.30 A.M. to NOON, and from 1.30 P.M. to 4.30 P.M. until further notice.  
By Command,  
A. M. THOMSON,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [3501]

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that the GUN FRAGMENTS will take place from Stonecutters Island (West and East Batteries) to South-Western direction at ranges from 800 to 4,000 yards, on the 1st JANUARY, 1904.  
If the weather is unfavourable on this date, practice will take place on the 2nd of JANUARY.  
Practice will commence at 9 A.M. and end about 11 A.M. if the range is clear.  
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to 28th instant, both days inclusive.  
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903. [3437]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on account of the year 1903 at the rate of Fifty Cents per Share for Five Per Cent on the Capital of the Company will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Hongkong, on and after MONDAY, the 30th instant, on Warrants to be obtained from the undersigned. Local Shareholders are requested to apply at the Company's Office for their Warrants. The Dividend will also be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Shanghai, on presentation of Warrants there, on and after the same date.  
The REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd instant, until MONDAY, the 30th instant, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares will be registered.  
By Order,  
A. H. MANCELL,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 14th November, 1903. [3155]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that in accordance with the Special Resolutions passed on 31st October, and confirmed on 18th November, 1903, they are entitled on application to an allotment of one share for every two old shares held by them. Forms of application will be sent to every shareholder.  
The sum of \$2.50 per share will be payable, on application, on or before the 4th of January, 1904. Two months' notice of any calls will be given.  
Shareholders desirous of paying in or before the 4th January, 1904, the whole amount payable in respect of their shares, can do so, and in such event will receive fully paid up scrip in exchange.  
The new issue will rank for Dividend pro rata from 1st January, 1904, according to the amount paid on such shares on 4th January, 1904.  
This Register of Shares will be closed from 17th December, 1903, to 4th January, 1904, both days inclusive.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1903. [3317]

THE CANTON-HONGKONG ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STATUTORY MEETING of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company, 31, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 7th day of JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon.  
CHAN A. IAK,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [3501]

WEL-HAI-WEI SCHOOL.

A HIGH-CLASS education for a moderate fee.  
Tuition under experienced and qualified masters.  
Boys are received up to fourteen for preparatory education.  
A sound commercial education is offered to older pupils.  
A new school house, splendidly situated, just completed.  
Climate and sanitary conditions unequalled in the Far East.  
School reopens 1st February.  
HERBERT L. BEER, L.C.P.,  
Headmaster.  
J. W. FELL, B.A.,  
Assistant-master.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3515]

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NOBEL'S SPORTING BALLISTITE. Absolutely Smokeless and Water-resisting. THE BEST NETO-POWDER IN THE WORLD. PRICE OF 12-BORE CARTRIDGES: Loaded with... With Powder... Powder only... and 1 oz. of Shot.  
Primrose Cases... \$6.25  
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Apply to—  
WM. SCHMIDT & CO.,  
Gunmakers,  
Hongkong.  
Ho. gkong, 3rd July, 1902.

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"STONYHURST" MAGAZINE GAP. Area about 30,000 Square feet.  
Apply to—  
AHMET RUMJAHN,  
63, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [3391]

BANK

THE DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL... Sh. Tels. 5,000,000.  
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Hankow, Tientsin, Tsingtau (Kiautschou).

LONDON BANKERS.  
Messrs. N. M. ROTHCHILD & SONS, THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

HONGKONG BRANCH  
(TEMPORARY OFFICES WHILE NEW OFFICES IN PRINCES' BUILDINGS ARE BEING BUILT).  
VICTORIA HOTEL BUILDINGS,  
100, House Street,  
Hongkong, 14th July, 1903. [10]

### BANKS

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1854.  
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP... £900,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS... £200,000  
RESERVE FUND... £725,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per annum on the Daily balances. On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent. " " " 6 " " 3 " " " 3 " " 2 1/2 " " " T. P. COCHRANE, Acting Manager,  
Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [1]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... £1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED... 1,125,000  
PAID-UP... 662,500  
RESERVE FUND... 60,000

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per annum on the Daily balances. On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 1/2 per cent. " " " 6 " " 3 " " " 3 " " 2 1/2 " " " EVAN ORMISTON, Manager,  
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1903. [2]

THE BANK OF TAIWAN (FORMOSA) LIMITED.  
(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER.)

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... Yen 5,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL... " 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEI, FORMOSA.  
HONGKONG OFFICE: 4, QUEEN'S ROAD (facing Duddell Street).

BRANCHES: AMOY, KOBE, TAIYAN.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances.  
On fixed deposits for 12 months 5 1/2 per cent. " " " 6 " " 4 1/2 " " " 3 " " 3 1/2 " " " S. SHIGEMATSU, Manager,  
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1903. [301]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits, Gold \$9,932,173.37—total \$12,640,000.  
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The Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money in Current Account and issues Fixed Deposit Receipts either in Gold or Silver at rates which may be ascertained on application.

HONGKONG BRANCH:  
20, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.  
CHARLES R. SCOTT,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [2957]

RUSSO-CHINESE BANK.

ORGANISED UNDER IMPERIAL DECREE OF 10TH DECEMBER, 1895.

CAPITAL... Roubles 15,000,000  
CAPITAL contributed by CHINESE GOVERNMENT... 5,000,000  
GOVERNMENT... 5,000,000  
(EQUIVALENT TO... \$2,150,000 Sg.)

RESERVE FUND... Roubles 2,000,000  
SPECIAL RESERVES... Roubles 1,700,000

HEAD OFFICE—ST. PETERSBURG.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS.  
Andijan, Khabarovsk, Port Arthur, Batoum, Kholmsk, Samarland, Blagovestchensk, Khabarka, Shanghai, Bodaibo, Kirin, Stratenak, Boukhara, Kuba, Tchikent, Bisk, Krasnoyarsk, Tachkent, Chifoo, Kwantchen, Tientsin, Dalay, Moukden, Peking, Hailar, Harkhot, Nagsai, Taitai, Hankow, Newchwang, Verchneudinsk, Harbin, Nicolajeff, Verny, Hongkong, Oulianstai, Vladivostok, Irkutsk, Ourga, Yokohama, Kalgan, Zeiskais Prietas, Kashgar, Peking.

BANKERS.  
LONDON—Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co. PARIS—Comptoir National d'Escomptes de Paris. Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas. BERLIN—Mendelssohn & Co. HAMBURG—M. M. Warburg & Co. VIENNA—K. M. Warburg & Co. AMSTERDAM—Lippmann, Rosenthal & Co.

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(TEMPORARY OFFICES WHILE NEW OFFICES IN PRINCES' BUILDINGS ARE BEING BUILT).  
VICTORIA HOTEL BUILDINGS,  
100, House Street,  
Hongkong, 14th July, 1903. [10]

### BANKS

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK (AMERICAN BANK).  
ESTABLISHED 1864.

PAID-UP CAPITAL... U.S. \$2,000,000 Gold  
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS... 5,180,000 " " 7,180,000 "

HEAD OFFICE—NEW YORK.  
LONDON OFFICE—33 & 35, Lombard St., E.C. F. C. BISHOP, Manager, Eastern Department.  
LONDON BANKERS—FARR & BARKER, Ltd.

HONGKONG OFFICE—4, DES VOEUX ROAD. General Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
INTEREST allowed at Current Rate. E. F. GRUBB, Acting Manager,  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [2760]

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED... Yen 24,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP... " 18,000,000  
CAPITAL UNPAID... " 6,000,000  
RESERVE FUND... " 9,210,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS.  
Tokio, Kobe, Nagasaki, London, Lyons, New York, San Francisco, Honolulu, Bombay, Shanghai, Tientsin, Hankow, Peking.

LONDON BANKERS.  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED. THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances.  
On fixed deposits for 12 months 5 1/2 per cent. " " " 6 " " 4 1/2 " " " 3 " " 3 1/2 " " " TARO RODSUMI, Manager,  
Hongkong, 11th September, 1903. [820]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... £1,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL... " 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
CHEN KIT SHAN, Esq., J. S. HANSEN, Esq., CHOW TUNG SHAN, Esq., J. LAUREN, Esq., Chief Manager, GEO. W. F. FLATTAIR.

Interest for 12 Months Fixed... 5 1/2 %  
Hongkong, 12th May, 1903. [12]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

FREE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.  
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
J. A. M. SMITH, Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [20]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL... \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND... \$10,000,000  
STERLING RESERVE... \$10,000,000  
SILVER RESERVE... 6,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS... 10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
A. J. RAYMOND, Esq., Chairman, H. C. TOMKINS, Esq., J. A. STEWART, Esq., Hon. C. W. DICKSON, N. A. STEWART, Esq., E. GOETS, Esq., H. W. SLACK, Esq., C. MICHAEL, Esq., O. A. TOMES, Esq., H. SCHUBERT, Esq., E. S. WHEELER, Esq., E. SHOLLUM, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:  
Hongkong—J. E. M. SMITH  
Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of Two per Cent. per annum on the daily balances.  
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
J. E. M. SMITH, Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [19]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA  
ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL—Shanghai Tls. 5,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL... " 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS.  
Canton, Peking, Hankow, Tientsin, Shanghai, Singapore.

The Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers payable at its Branches and Agencies.

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Advances made on approved securities. Bills Discounted.  
INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.  
At 2 1/2 per annum on Current Account daily balances.  
3 1/2 per annum on Fixed Deposits for 3 months.  
4 1/2 per annum " " " 6 " " " 5 1/2 per annum " " " 12 " " " E. W. BUTTER, Manager,  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1901. [13]



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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 28th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NESTOR"	On 1st January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 8th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 14th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PINGSUEY"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MOYUNE"	On 28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 3rd February.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DARDANUS"	On 5th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.
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AGENTS. [10-12]

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903.

# CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

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MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	On 23rd December.
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903.

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LONDON, &c.	SIMLA F. R. Summers	Noon, 2nd January	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	BE GAIL G. Phillips	About 2nd January	Freight and Passage.
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Hongkong, 19th December, 1903.

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R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1125]

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**SANDER, WIDLER & CO.,**  
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [15]

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Hongkong 8th September, 1903. [21]

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Hongkong, 25th July 1903. [211]

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Captain von Binner, having arrived from the  
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for  
counter-signature by the Undersigned and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods from  
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,  
To-day, the 16th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be  
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,  
Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject  
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE,  
Hongkong Office.  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1903. [3471]

## THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"COROMANDEL".  
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND  
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
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Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark,  
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Optional Goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary before  
5 P.M., To-day, the 18th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 25th inst., at 4 P.M.,  
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Go-  
downs for examination by the Consignees and  
the Company's representative at an appointed  
hour. All Claims must be presented within  
ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after  
which date they cannot be recognised. No  
Claims will be admitted after the Goods have  
left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1903. [1]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON  
AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship  
"RADNORSHIRE".  
Captain C. H. Burch, having arrived from the  
above ports, Consignees of Cargo, are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed at  
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,  
Limited at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees'  
risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 27th inst. will be subject  
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 28th inst., at 2.30 P.M.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [3513]

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Thomas H. M. Jerram, Hongkong.

Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 h.p.,  
Comdr. E. H. M. Nugent, Singapore.

Amphitrite, 1st class cruiser, 11,000 tons, 18,000  
h.p., Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O.,  
Hongkong.

Blenheim, 1st class cruiser, 9,000 tons, 12 guns,  
21,411 h.p., Capt. F. G. Stopford, at  
Singapore.

Bramble, gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,300 h.p.,  
Lieut.-Comdr. C. O. M. Makine, Hongkong.

Britannia, gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,300 h.p.,  
Lieut.-Comdr. Thos. D. Pratt, Hongkong.

Cressy, cruiser, 12,000 tons, 14 guns, 21,000  
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Eolips, cruiser, 5,500 tons, 11 guns, Captain  
Stokes, Hongkong.

Esperance, gunboat, 1,070 tons, 10 guns, Comdr.  
Ernest G. Barton, Newchwang.

Fame, torpedo-boat destroyer, 380 tons, 6 guns,  
5,700 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. Assor, at  
Hongkong.

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Christopher F. Metcalf, on Yangtze.

Leviathan, cruiser, 14,100 tons, Capt. Hon. W.  
G. Stopford, Hongkong.

Moore, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns,  
Lieut.-Comdr. G. G. Webster, West River.

Mutiny, sloop, 980 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. C.  
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Rosario, sloop, 980 tons, 6 guns, 11,400 h.p.,  
Comdr. Thos. Jackson, Hongkong.

Sandpiper, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240  
h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. L. W. Jones, Hongkong.

Sirius, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, Capt. C. H.  
H. Moore, Shanghai.

Snipe, river gun-boat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p.,  
Lieut.-Comdr. Ernest W. G. Davidson, on  
Yangtze.

Sparrowhawk, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons,  
Lieut.-Comdr. Codrington, Hongkong.

Taken, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250 tons, 6 guns,  
5,600 h.p., in reserve.

Talbot, cruiser, 5,600 tons, 11 guns, 9,600 h.p.,  
Capt. Lewis Bayley, Hongkong.

Tamar, receiving ship, 4,800 tons, 6 guns, Com-  
modore Robinson, A.D.C., at Hongkong.

Teal, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, Lieut.-  
Comdr. E. F. R. Dugmore, on Yangtze.

Thetis, cruiser, 3,400 tons, Capt. J. C. A.  
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Tweed, gunboat, 352 tons, 3 guns, 200 h.p.,  
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Hongkong.

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Vivago, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, Lieut.-  
Comdr. J. A. Gregory, Hongkong.

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